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ARRIVED

On February 18th, 1838, Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Stevens, Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Brayton, Rev. and Mrs. Lyman Stillson, on the bark "Isabella."

Moulmein

December and January have been days of contrast. There have been hills and valleys. We had high times when the Albaughs were here, and the mass-meeting in the Burmese Church was inspiring. They visited about all there was to see of the work here, and some of the play.

Following this visit, there was planned the two-weeks trip up the Salween and to Timothy's Agriculture Experiment Farm. A bad cough held me in town, while the rest of the party went. That was the worst medicine I had to take, the M. G. did her duty! I did, however, get off for three days to attend the ordination of our friend Thra Donation. A number of readers of the NEWS will know him, son of the venerable Thra De-Cruz, of Mauko village.

After a fine trip up to Paan, we got buses right into the village, and found a hearty welcome. There was plenty of activity. The village was full of guests, and much was the curry it took to feed them. Do you get the picture?

Let us look at some of the unusual features of the occasion. For probably the first time in Moulmein Karen history, an ordained father placed his hands in ordination on the head of his son. This son was one given at birth to the work of the ministry,and well trained. He grew up conscious of his "calling." Though the youngest man to be ordained in my memory of this field, he has become influential Member of the School Committee and Home Mission, he also is Assistant Secretary of the Association. His statement of faith was clear and left no doubt as to where he stood. His conversion and call to the ministry were likewise clear.

An embarassing question was wisely answered. "Since your wife is not from Moulmein, will she become the means of alienating you from your work?" In a quiet and straightforward way, Donation told of how in this matter also, God had seemed to open the way, and he believed that God's blessing would not depart from those who sought His will. Would that all our preachers were as wise in finding a wife!

Christmas brought the Grahams, but I could not go to the dinner! New Years brought the Wyatts, and I could not attend the watch-night service. Dr. Bowler came, and others took him to Amherst. Kyain went on a trip, and Thra J. P. and Roland joined them. I stayed in town and wrote reports! But, we did go to the dedication of a new wooden chapel at Imbyaung, where Thramu Seintha ministers. She is the mother of

Thomas, another fine student in Insein Seminary. Seven converts were buried with Christ in baptism, joyfully and boldly witnessing to their new-found faith in the Saviour. Truly God is working among us.

A wedding also. But the groom was late, and I had another appointment, so Thra Joseph married them two and a half hours late. But they were married. Sports Day. Goodbye.

A. J. Weeks.

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South Burma

Tavoy.

Christmas, for us, this year began rather early in December so far as preliminaries were concerned, but gathered in momentum from the 13th on. Fortunately some belated cases arrived in time to supplement others and the supplies that we had to procure in Burma.

Although Mrs. Streeter was uncertain who would be able to assist in the concert set for the 19th, in some cases, until shortly before that date in the previous week, owing to the late arrival of those who return from schools outside of Tavoy, yet a large audience witnessed appreciatively the Christmas programme presented. The generous collection was used to meet the cost of the well-attended European Tea Party, which was held on our new school cement concrete tennis court — the best in Tavoy.

The festivities of the Christmas Season this year may be briefly summarized for the period from December 19th to the 26th, inclusive, as one concert, 13 trees in the Tavoy and Mergui districts by means of which not only were 6600 gifts and 3302 bags of popped rice and sweets distributed, but in very real sense Christians were brought together in happy fellowship, and the Gospel message of Christ's coming was re-emphasized among many hundreds of non-Christians of the various races.

The Tenasserim Association.

This association met with us on the first and second of January, preceeded by a very helpful Watch-night Service. We followed the custom of former years in which most of our church members ate together with our guests, even including the children. So that there was a real fellowship — physical and spiritual — throughout the all-too-short interval of their sojourn with us. God's answer to our concerted periods of prayer for the meetings was manifest in all sessions of the Association.

Touring in the Mergui Archipelago.

Through the great kindness of an old friend and miner, we were able to use his motor boat for village-to-village visitation of the Mergui Islands. As this was the first time we had been to these places, many of the people had never heard the Gospel message; and devoured both the spoken and written truth with a keeness of interest which bordered on to a "hunger and thirst after righteousness." Not only did the children express their customary eagerness at the children's meetings, but often piloted us to every last house in the village where they lived. Adults, also, urgently requested to know more from us before we left for the next fishing center — perhaps, from a half-hour to two hours distant.

One of the unique features of such touring was that in the smaller villages, all was water. Bounded on the one side by mangrove swamps, and on the other by the deep blue sea, even at the lowest tide, nothing but improvised roads of loosely laid "bean poles," sometimes covered with split bamboos, served as the only way for *our* inexperienced feet; although the children could do a 100 yard dash without fear. When, on one occasion, a very pretty card, with Scripture text attached, dropped to the water below, a little girl spying the treasure floating there, quickly divest-

ng herself of her one-piece garment rescued it in a most matter-of-fact manner. No, she was not of the Salome, sea-gypsy race, but a little Burmese child keen to get one more ard than the other children.

It was really thrilling to sell the Scripture portions; and sometimes heart-stirring, when the only way to ind the necessary pice a child would ake a handful of prepared ngape, go n search of a purchaser, and then return with an anna with which to ecure the four Gospels. In this way, besides the twelve Psalms only which ve brought with us and sold for two nnas each and besides the twenty-ive gospels which were given to various Buddhist priests along the way, we sold by actual count, 1546 Gospels and Acts in nine days. The eed will need watering.

Mergui.

In Mergui, besides another remarkble street-meeting held under the uspices of the Indian Christians for Burmese non-Christians as their guests, in which those well-educated lders listened attentively throughout o Christ's appraisal of a human life before a loving God, we were deeply ouched by the definite seeking for Christ by a boy from Tavoy, who is working in Mergui. In fact it was our privilege to point the way to certain educated Indians and Europeans who are seeking a real solution to personal and family problems. Will you not pray for us?

M. L. Streeter.

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Toungoo — Paku

After Convention comes the touring season. Paddy is reaped in the hills as soon as the rains are over and so touring can begin there earlier than on the plains, because there one has to depend on roads that are made after the grain is reaped. Our trips this year have been very interesting. The isolated villages are situated on beautiful mountains and the clambering up on one side and down on the other, while tiring, is stimulating. But we spend a couple of days with the people and try to enter into their problems and meet their needs by showing them Christ keeps one dependant on the Spirit for wisdom and patience. It is a great help to have a team along with me and to feel that I am not doing this alone but that there are Karens who not only feel the burden, but who also share in its solution.

A short trip to Kalaw and Taunggyi between Christmas and New Years gave us a little change. We made our final farewell to " the Sentinel " and brought away some of our personal belongings. The new owner seems to like the place and is making some improvements on it.

The staff of the High school invited the teachers of the two other A. B. M. schools in town to help remember my sixtieth birthday. They surprised us by presenting me with a gold Rolex wrist watch — altogether too expensive a present for me. But surely we have had delightful relations these past two years and to have their love and confidence and most hearty co-operation makes one feel that there is much to live for.

The day following, it was my privilege to baptise fifty-one young people, mostly from the school. It seemed best to put off this public experience to which they could testify. They seem to have had some remarkable experiences and we are glad, but this is only the beginning. Now comes the time for training and growth in Christian service.

In response to an unexpected request from Thra Lat of the Seminary, I spent the last week of January at Insein teaching in the refresher course for pastors. It was delightful to renew acquaintances there. A large group of students will take up vacation work in the Paku field. We are planning three or four days' retreat with them and then they will go out

in various directions. Our Association meets at Buko some five miles off the Mawchi Road on the 23rd February. Can you come along with us?

H. I. Marshall.

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Pang Yang—Lahu and Wa

Dear Friends,

I write this to you from my tent and thatch shed encampment in the Manglun wilds. It has been eighty-five days since I saw the dear ones in Taunggyi, and forty-two days of tent life so far, and probably three months more. Manglun State is the largest of the Wa States and the center for the Lahu work. I started negotiations regarding the establishment of a sub-station here early in October and left Lashio the middle of November. My first trip up here was not successful as the Sawbwa seemed rather indifferent, so I made a rushed trip to Lashio in four days, carried on further negotiations there, and returned to spend the Christmas season with the Christians here. The Assistant Superintendent over this State, arrived here the 31st of last month, and during a meeting with the Sawbwa on New Year's day, everything was settled and we started work the third. The Christians gave us three days at the clearing and nearly finished the cutting of the underbrush and small trees.

This is a beautiful site, with great trees and the views are hard to beat for mountain scenery. We can see five to six ranges in the distance on the south and east, and in the early mornings there is a blanket of spotless white fog covering the Salween gorge. The site is located on one of the main roads and throngs of people come here daily, so during the days of building work, we have many opportunities to preach the Word of Life. The elevation is nearly six thousand feet, and quite often, especially during a rainy spell, we are shrouded in mist. The trees are covered with moss and many varieties of orchids. This will be a welcome retreat for you Lower Burma friends and a place of hearty welcome, to all those who want a change in surroundings and temperature, during the vacation months. This station will be the headquarters for the Lahu work, and either Ruth or I will spend considerable time here each season after we get our main station established.

As we look back over the year just closed, we are thankful indeed to be able to report definite advance, in spite of the fact that the greater part of the field is still restricted for touring and work. The village schools and the Bible classes have been well attended, and the workers have been able to tour in all the open sections. We have had the privilege of adding to our membership, 195 by baptism and 132 who have joined our churches, fifty-two from the Bana field and eighty in Pang Long who were won by the C. I. M. Our total membership now for the Lahu is above 1200 interritory definitely on this side, and if Mong Hka is included after the erection of boundary pillars, there will be some 200 there. We can not report definitely about the Wa. If Shi Ken is all included there are nearly 5000 Christians in the State. So far this season some fifty villages of the wild Wa have accepted Gospels of John. Although the people can not read, yet the acceptance of tracts is a sort of covenant and with much significance among the Wa. The "Golden Balance," tracts father's men distributed in 1904, are still carefully preserved in many of the wild Wa villages. The three large circles of Man Hai, Hkung Ma, and Kang Neu, all head-hunters, with 2450 houses and approximately 15,000 souls, sent me word while still in Lashio that they are anxiously awaiting our coming.

The out-look for work is indeed right. In this state of Manglun we had 112 baptisms last year, and yesterday the preachers removed the natters from six homes. I look for a eady advance here from now on. he native New Year is nearly here nd we can not do much more until fter the festivities, as these celebraons involve so much preparation. he activities will be over February urth, and I intend to tour as much s possible in this state, yet the buildg work will keep me from any exnded trips. There are many now nterested and we expect many isitors here during the New Year. he harvest indeed is plentious, but ne labourers too few. Pray with us nat the Lord of the Harvest will end forth the needed workers into His Harvest field.

Yours in His glorious service,
Harold Young.

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Maymyo

The members of our Burmese hurch have entered on the third eek of "house to house" meetings r prayer, testimony, meditation on od's Word and singing. The attenance has varied from, say fifty to ghty adults and children. It is oped that the New Year, thus bean, may be fruitful in soul-saving d Christ-like living.

The Christian Endeavour Society d Bible-class, instituted by Saya o Ko Gyi, are developing with romise of widening and deepening essing. The choir of over twenty ung Burmese and Karen women, der the splendid training of Miss hnson, enrich the services by their thems, etc.

Pastor Peter and B. David have turned from a five days visit at shio, with joy. They organized a all Punjabi church, constituted of unicipality-sweepers and their ves. Mr. David has accepted an invitation to become their pastor on an allowance of Rupees ten per mensem, supplemented by an additional five rupees of Mission money. A Punjabi barber, named Magat Ram, thirty years of age, was accepted for baptism and membership with said church. In the presence of over fifty interested spectators he divested himself of his badges of Hinduism, and had Mr. David cut his "chutia" the sacred thread of Hindu religion, thus separating himself irretrievably from the faith of his ancestors. Pastor Peter then baptized him into the Name of the Triune God. A Hindu Sadhu (priest) who was present, vainly endeavoured to dissuade him from becoming a Christian. Two other Punjabi men received Christ as their personal Saviour (John 1:11-12) and have asked to be baptized in the month of March. Their conduct will, in the meantime, evidence whether they have indeed experienced a change of heart.

Whilst returning, Pastor Peter and Mr. David, stayed over night at Hsum Hsai, a Gurkhai village of twenty-one houses twenty-one miles from Maymyo. To a group of seven men the preached word proved so effectual that four of their number definitely accepted Jesus Christ, and made request to be baptized at Maymyo in the presence of their Caste-relatives and friends! We are grateful to God for these gracious manifestations of His grace, and blessing upon our very imperfect, withal fervent, efforts to extend the Kingdom of heaven on earth.

To-day Dennis Maulle, who has spent a total of five 'academic-years' in our "Divinity" and "Agricultural" schools, left for Mandalay to accompany thence Dr. H. O. Wyatt to Myitkyina. There he will spend at least one month in evangelistic work amongst the multitude of Gurkhas in that town and district. It is estimated that there are about 40,000 Gurkhas

is Upper Burma. Dennis Maulle is the only Gurkha who has been specially trained for evangelistic work among them. He would greatly appreciate a letter of encouragement from an over-seas reader of this article, and find pleasure in replying to such a correspondent: he reads and writes English as well as other languages. On December 24th, 400 attended the Christmas-eve service at Trinity Baptist Church, Lashio, the majority of whom were non-Christians. On December 27th the Kachin members held a Jungle picnic, to which they invited fully 300 Non-Christian Animistic Kachins! Refreshments and sports, and preaching and singing, filled in a happy and memorable day. Expectation! We are happily awaiting the arrival of Dr. Bowler, of New York city, representative of our Foreign Mission Society, and that of our new Field Secretary, Mr. H. W. Smith, who are to spend the Lord's day, February 6th, with us. We resident missionaries and the Burmese, Indian, and English-speaking Baptist Churches, will accord them a most cordial welcome. Weather conditions here, at present, are ideal.

Ernest Grigg.

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Judson College Notes

The Annual Meeting of the College Church was held on the evening of the 19th January, Dr. St. John, the pastor, presiding. Reports given showed a membership of forty-eight regular and 167 affiliated members, and the expenditure of Rs. 1,224-6, including the support of Thra Pan E at Inle Lake, and contributions to school work at Pangwai, the Orphanage at Moulmein, the Burma Baptist Missionary Society, the Christian Literature Society and local Sunday School work. This latter work was enthusiastically reported upon. Children brought to the Sunday Schoo from Kamayut village are divided in to junior, primary and beginners clas ses under the leadership of fourteer helpers. The Christmas programm which many of the children's mother attended was especially enjoyed.

The reports of the Christian Unio of the men students and of the Y. W C. A. spoke of their co-operation i providing leaders for the mid-wee prayer-meetings, teachers for th Sunday School, and helpers in rura reconstruction work. Sunday evenin gatherings at the homes of staff mem bers are also held under the auspice of these societies. At these meeting religious problems are discussed. Th Y. W. C. A. has been of specia service in arrangements for th Church, and showed much enterpris in raising funds for the Quadrennia Conference delegation and for othe good works.

The Quadrennial Conference of th Student Christian Movement of In dia, Burma and Ceylon, which met a the College during the Christma vacation, brought some 835 delegate together for discussion Commissio and inspirational meetings. The Juc son College Christian Union an Y. W. C. A. members who wer delegates made themselves useful i many ways and were cordial hosts t the visiting delegates.

Mrs. St. John reported neighbou hood visiting in which she has bee serving those in need of friend interest in nearby village commun ties. Miss Wooten has recently share in this work.

The election of officers resulted the appointment of Mr. K. N. Kar secretary and the reappointment Mr. Johnson Kangyi as Treasurer.

The Church accepted the resign tion of Dr. St. John as pastor, recor ing deep appreciation of his service and appointed Dr. Kenneth Hobart. Dr. St. John is closing ministry to the Church which h been rich with deeply thoughtf

reaching. Especially the influence f his pastoral talks at Communion ervices will be long remembered.)r. Hobart comes to the College as ader in its religious work, after fif- en years service as a missionary to outh China. We warmly welcome m and Mrs. Hobart with their chil- ren to the College and Mission mily.

G. S. Jury.

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yinmana Class Tours Dry Zone

This past month our graduating ass was taken on its annual tour up Myingyan to see the agriculture of e dry zone. Low prices for cotton ve made the need more obvious of versifying their crops here as is the se in many parts of the rice grow- g areas of the wet zone.

In the sandy sections of the dry ne, groundnuts continue to be the ost favored crop. But on the avier soil sesamum interplanted th improved varieties of Pigeon pea followed by gram or butter beans the plan advocated instead of so ch cotton. I believe that more it also could be grown if attention s given to the matter, such as the stard apple, guava, ju jube and megranate with the natural rainfall, d, with irrigation, the grape, lime d pomelo. Improved pigs and ckens would also be of distinct p in increasing income.

Our visit to the Mahlaing governn- nt experiment station showed us at great improvement resulted in crops by constructing contour ges around the fields to prevent sion of the top soil from the sud- heavy showers falling on the bare ground. Row planting of crops intercultivation with inexpensive lements was being stressed with king results. Similar stressing of planting and cultivation would desirable for many crops except- rice, in all parts of Burma.

At Myingyan we visited the oil presses extracting groundnut and cot- ton-seed oil, soap factories and cotton gins. The cotton spinning mill was most interesting to our students. We found the mill working at full capa- city day and night with orders booked long ahead. It was interesting to learn how this was due to the war in China which as it closed the port cities has resulted in a great increase in imports of cotton over the Burma border. The boycott of Japanese cotton yarn by the Nationalists in In- dia has also increased the consump- tion of this product from the Indian mills.

The students gave a concert one night in the Baptist High School at Meiktila where Saya Ba is the new Superintendent and another night in the Case Memorial School at Myin- gyan where Saya Chit Pe formerly of Pyinmana is in charge. We had a cordial welcome from both places and the drama "Wealth from Village Waste" as well as native farmer songs seemed especially appreciated. There is much increase in attempts at Rural Reconstruction among the Bur- mans even outside Christian circles. The Youth Improvement Society has a rural centre at Pegyet in Myingyan district and its enthusiastic leader, U Ba Kin, was present at our concert and has sent young men for training to our school.

Another class trip of the month was into the mountains east of Pyin- mana in the region where we had the eleven baptisms last month. The people here have some mixture of Karen blood but speak Burmese. The plainsmen whom they contact have duped them often but the Christian worker among them they have learned to trust. Many villages have relatives of those who were baptized and they are asking for instruction regarding "the new way," and are inclined to follow it. The mountains are steep and high but our hopes for these people are still higher. How to help

the mountain people here and in many other parts of Burma to make a better living from the soil of their hill sides is also one of the problems we must help meet.

As we visit associations in February and March we especially would like to see a Rural Reconstruction Committee organized in each association with which we may co-operate to put on demonstrations of improved practice in selected villages. The surrounding churches may then see and learn that there is a better way to work of which Christians should demonstrate the first examples.

Brayton C. Case and Company.

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Arrival

By S. S. *Ekma* on January 13th, Rev. and Mrs. K. G. Hobart and four children, designated to religious work at Judson College.

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Birth

To Rev. and Mrs. Vincent Young on February 3rd, at Kengtung, a son, Philip Gibbs.

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The little sharp vexations,
And the trials that catch and fret
Why not take them to the Helper
Who has never failed us yet?
Tell Him about the heartache,
And tell Him the longings too,
Tell Him the baffled purpose
When we scarce know what to do,
Then, leaving all our weakness
With the One divinely strong
Forget that we bore the burden
And carry away the song.

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En Route

This is Christmas Day in Hongkong and a real little tinge to the air helps to make it so. Santa Claus visited our cabin this morning and the captain's dinner last night had all the Christmas accessaries — roast turkey and a *real* pine tree.

You are all much in our thoughts to-day. We would like to say "Merry Christmas" to each of you. Our trip has been splendid so far. I would recommend the S. S. "Pleasantville" with some reservations, however, and I hear that the newer ships of the same line have many advantages and conveniences this one does not have. The frequent ports of call have been interesting and the weather not too hot even in Java.

If any of you are passing through Singapore, I would recommend as a place to stay the "Berean Missionary Home" 44 Newton Road, easily accessible. It is a private missionary home with five rooms available for paying guests. You will be very fortunate if you can get in there. Of course you all know of "The Phillips House" — a missionary guest house — here in Honkong.

We leave at midnight to-night and make no more steps this side of Los Angeles, not even at San Francisco as we had at first thought. Our ship is fragrant with 2300 tons of copra, besides lumber, Java coffee and shredded cocoanut, all for the states.

Elsie N. Chane

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Christian Endeavor Topic Bo

This is not an announcement that the Christian Endeavour topic books for 1938 are now ready but a word to ask all Societies to buy a good supply for their members. Many of our missionaries might help in this regard by giving a word of encouragement in regard to the sales. Mr. Smith of the Press has been most generous to the C. E. Society this year and in years past for the printing of the booklet. It is hoped that the sales of this year might be increased a great deal so as to pay for the printing charges. Send for your copies to the A. B. M. Press.

Cecil Hobbs,
C. E. Vice-Preside

Pyinmana News

Our influence is spreading. Brayon Case is out visiting associations nd villages, encouraging old students nd finding new ones. To-day we got n air mail letter from Tacoma, Washington, asking for materials and ncidents which might be used for a nissionary meeting in a local Church.

Do the people of your vicinity now about the Agricultural School? We expect you to tell them.

The William Cummings are finishng off their packing and storing, and goodbyes," preparatory to going ome for their first furlough. They vill be eighteen months. These young eople have spent six years in Burma their first term). It is Bill's second erm for his father is Dr. John . Cummings who spent forty years s a missionary at Henzada, Burma, here he did a notable service. The King of England conferred upon him he honour of a K. I. H. medal.

Bill Cummings was born at Henada, his mother is the daughter of Dr. W. H. Roberts, pioneer missionry to the Kachins. We wish them God speed" and pray that they nay have journey mercies and nat their furlough will be a time of ich blessing and renewal in their piritual lives.

The Smiths are all a bustle, six ttle Smiths are being gotten ready or the American School at Taunggyi nd mother is going with them Febuary 22. Mother and David and Helen are going to be home-makers t the school through hot season. hey will be up there until the 1st of une.

Daddy Joe will be a "School Widower" while he stays down county this year.

On the farm things move on. Crops come ripe in their season and we sow and tend and reap. Sugar cane and paddy harvest are now at their height while the garden is full of tomatoes, cabbages, carrots and onions. Brayton Case has forty-nine new ideas that he is trying out with his usual enthusiasm.

Every hen in Burma lays eggs during this season and the Freshegg Marketing Association is trying to sell every one that is laid in this district.

In the Church and field work there is an encouraging outlook and interest among the young people and among the hill people where we have workers. The district C. E. Rally meets with the Agricultural School next week.

We are expecting visits from our Field Secretary and Dr. Bowler from New York, also a group of missionary enthusiasts from the Presbyterian Mission in Siam.

Our Management Committee meets on February 19.

May we urge you to pick out likely boys to enter the School when the new terms opens May 25.

Joe Smith.

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Correction

Language Examination

There was a misprint in the January issue of BURMA NEWS. It was Miss Taylor that passed the Elementary Burmese Examination. Miss Thayer's name was wrongly printed.

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